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TESTIMONY OF SANDRA LEE KUNIMOTO
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008, 1:15 P.M.
ROOM 225

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 608
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE BOARD OF
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
CARL A. CARLSON, JR., FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2011

Chairperson Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the consideration of Mr. Carl A. Carlson, Jr. to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Mr. Carlson has served on the Board of Agriculture since 2002. He brings a wealth of experience to the Board's deliberations. He is fair-minded, collaborative and is a valued member of the Board. While I will certainly miss him on the Board of Agriculture if he is confirmed for the Board of Regents, I truly appreciate his willingness to continue to serve in a public capacity.

Mr. Carlson was born in Wailuku and raised in Waikapu, Maui. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. After graduating from college, he worked for C. Brewer & Co. and was sent to Kaua'i where he worked at the Olokele Sugar Company. C. Brewer then sent Mr. Carlson to Ka'u where he worked at Hawaiian Ranch Co. as a Cattle Supervisor.

Mr. Carlson is the founder and President of Hu'ehu'e Ventures, LLC. He began his career at Hu'ehu'e Ranch in 1970 as the Ranch Manager. He was promoted to

General Manager and eventually became part owner of the ranch. When Hu'ehu'e ranch was sold in 1989, Mr. Carlson purchased the livestock and continued to ranch until he became a Trustee of Parker Ranch in 1994. For ten years, Mr. Carlson served as a Trustee of the Parker Ranch Foundation Trust and as a Trustee of the Richard Smart Revocable Personal Trust.

Mr. Carlson's professional experience includes, current member of the Hualalai Investors, LLC; Member/Manager Kohala Preserve Conservation Trust; Member/Manager Kohala Aina Partners; formerly an Advisor Lynch Hawaii Investments, LLC; Board Advisor, WB Kuki'o, LLP; President, Parker Ranch, Inc.; President, Hawaii Meat Company, Ltd.; and former Member & Chair of the Hawaii County Ethics Commission.

Mr. Carlson is a former Member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents; a full member of the Urban Land Institute & Recreational Development Council; member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council; member of Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce; member of the University of Hawaii Na Koa Boosters Club; Director & Former Chair (twice) of the Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference; Former Director of Parker Ranch, Inc., Kaloko Land Co., Island Commodities, Corp., Hue Hue Corporation, Hawaii Meat Co., Ltd., Kahua Beef Sales, and former Director and President of Waimea Wastewater, Inc.

Mr. Carlson has many years of management and administrative experience as well as numerous hours dedicated to community service. Mr. Carlson would be an invaluable asset to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for Mr. Carl A. Carlson, Jr.'s confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.



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April 4, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Senate Committee Members:

Subject: Consideration and Confirmation of Carl A. Carlson, Jr.
to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents

I support Governor Linda Lingle's nomination of Carl A. Carlson, Jr. to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have had the honor of working with Carl for over twenty years in his capacity as Manager of Huehue Ranch, Project Manager of Huehue Ranch Associates, Trustee of Parker Ranch and more recently as Board Advisor, WB Kuki'o, LLP. I have found Carl to be truly dedicated and committed to the success of all his endeavors with due care and diligence.

Carl is well respected by the West Hawaii Community for his community service as well as being a responsible steward of the land/environment for Huehue Ranch, Parker Ranch, and Kuki'o.

Carl's career and prior service as a Board of Regent has fully prepared him for the duties and responsibilities required as a Board of Regent.

I respectfully ask for your support of Carl A. Carlson, Jr.'s confirmation to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Very Truly Yours,

Robert Y. Akinaka
Chairman

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Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Education

Monday, April 14; 1:15 PM
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Re: GM 608 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARL A. CARLSON JR., for a term to expire 6-30-2011.

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Carl A. Carlson Jr. to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii.

Carl deeply respects the value of education and the opportunity that a strong educational foundation can provide to learners of all ages. I have had the pleasure of working with Carl on a variety of business projects and educational initiatives over the last thirteen years. Through the course of our interaction, I found this longtime kamaaina to be friendly, honest, hard-working, and creative in thinking. Carl is strong in people and management skills and savvy in the realm of business and real estate.

The State of Hawaii and the University system benefited from Carl's contributions during his prior term as Regent. His continued role will undoubtedly bring about further positive changes. I respectfully urge the Committee to approve Carl Carlson's confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. Please feel free to contact me at (808) 544-8300 if you have any questions.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments.

Very truly yours,



J. Douglas Ing
Managing Partner
Watanabe Ing & Komeiji, LLP

April 8, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto
Chair, Senate Education Committee
State Capitol, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Monday, April 14 - 1:15PM
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 225

**Re: GM 608 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Gubernatorial
Nominee, Carl A. Carlson, Jr., for a term to expire 6-30-2011**

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

Please allow me to speak in favor of the confirmation of Carl Carlson as a Regent of the University of Hawaii.

I have known Carl and his family growing up on Maui and later as a successful rancher, corporate director and businessman. Throughout his career, he has always been an active volunteer with a number of important community, environmental and educational organizations. He has always acted in the best interest of Hawaii's people and has behaved with the highest of ethical and moral standards.

I would endorse, without qualification, Carl's reappointment as a Regent of our State's fine University. His good judgment, experience and understanding of our unique communities will help the University of Hawaii be all it can be.

Thank you very much for allowing me to endorse Mr. Carlson's confirmation.

Aloha,



Jeffrey N. Watanabe

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April 7, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Hawaii State Capitol, #230
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Distinguished Members of the Committee:

I am writing to respectfully request the confirmation of Mr. Carl Carlson to serve on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. He is a man of integrity who is committed to the people of the State of Hawaii.

As a father of three young children and a lecturer for the past eight semesters teaching criminal justice at the Hawaii Community College, I am very concerned about the quality of higher education in the State of Hawaii. I truly believe that education, particularly higher education, is the great equalizer of our society. We must continue to strive to provide our residents with the opportunity to attain their educational dreams right here at home. This requires a continued commitment to excellence by our leaders and our policy makers in higher education. I am confident that Mr. Carlson will ensure that our community is served by a University of Hawaii system that is committed to excellence.

I have known Mr. Carl Carlson for over seven years. As a member of the Mayor's administration, I witnessed Mr. Carlson's commitment to our community. I had the privilege of working with him on establishing programs that served our children, our families, and our neighborhoods on Hawaii Island. Mr. Carlson was very concerned about the impact that drugs and substance abuse was having on our youth. He worked with his colleagues to establish a fund to address prevention programs in our community. He did it with compassion, with aloha, and without any desire for recognition or credit. He was only concerned with results. That is the kind of leader that I want serving our community on the Board of Regents.

Thank you for the opportunity to respectfully support Mr. Carl Carlson's nomination to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii. He will serve with honor and distinction.

With Aloha,



William P. Kenoi.



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April 7, 2008
FAXED TESTIMONY TO:
Fax No. 586-6659

Hearing Date: April 14th at 1:15 p.m.

Honorable Members of the Senate Education Committee
Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
E-mail: sensakamoto@capitol.hawaii.gov

SUBJECT: University of Hawaii-Board of Regents
Nomination of Carl Carlson

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally endorse Carl Carlson on his nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents representing West Hawaii. Carl has over 38 years of professional experience serving the West Hawaii community in various agricultural and development companies. Carl is dedicated to serving our community in Hawaii.

I've known Carl for over eight years as a trustee at Parker Ranch, Aloha United Way Charities volunteer and Board Advisor, WB Kuki'o, LLP. Carl's commitment to serving West Hawaii is best illustrated by his involvement in community organizations as the Director of The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, and as Chairman of Kuki'o Community Fund Board of Advisors. He was also a former member of the University of Hawaii Board of Regents and held other director positions in organizations based in Hawaii.

I am proud to support Carl Carlson's nomination to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents representing West Hawaii. His record of professional achievements and affiliations confirm he is deserving of this honor.

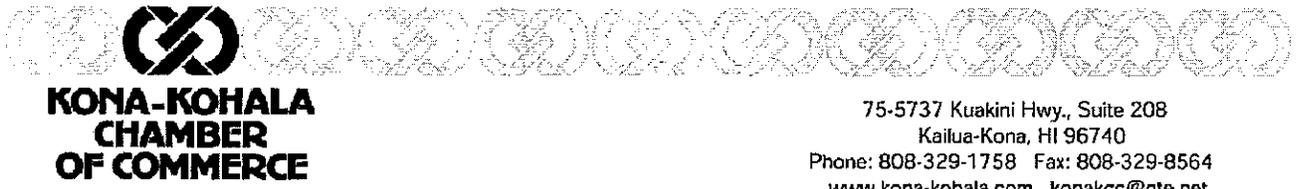
Sincerely,

KAI Hawaii, Inc.



Ken Hayashida
President

KH/ms



April 8, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto
Chair, Committee on Education
415 South Beretania Street
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Via: email

RE: Testimony in Support of Carl Carlson as the West Hawaii Representative on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents

Dear Chairman Sakamoto,

The Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce (KKCC) represents nearly 700 business members and is the leading business advocacy organization on the west side of Hawai'i Island. The KKCC also actively works to enhance the environment, unique lifestyle and quality of life in West Hawai'i. In addition, KKCC has been actively involved in plans for a new University of Hawaii system in North Kona and has established a position statement noting a sharper vision and need for a full-fledged UH Kona residential university.

This letter is in **strong support** of Carl Carlson as the representative for West Hawaii on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. Mr. Carlson's professional experience and his leadership within our community are exemplary. His commitment to the proper growth and direction of West Hawaii is well proven. West Hawaii would be well-served and the Board of Regents would benefit greatly from Mr. Carlson's experience, knowledge and commitment to a better Hawaii.

For these reasons, the KKCC strongly urges you to appoint Carl Carlson as the West Hawaii representative for the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Vivian Landrum'.

Vivian Landrum
Executive Director

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Re: **Carl Carlson**

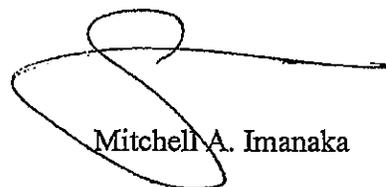
Dear Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

This letter is offered in support of the nomination of Carl Carlson to the Board of Regents. I have known Carl for a number of years and wholeheartedly support his nomination to the Board. Not only does he have a wide range of business experience, but he would bring a lot of good common sense to the deliberations of the Board. I have every confidence that, if confirmed, he will serve well and with distinction.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

With Aloha,

IMANAKA KUDO & FUJIMOTO



Mitchell A. Imanaka

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April 08, 2008

The Honorable Norman Sakamoto and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

Re: Nomination of Carl A. Carlson, Jr. to the UH Board of Regents

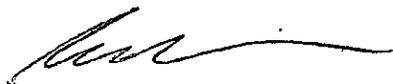
It is my pleasure to recommend Carl A. Carlson, Jr. as a member of the Board of Regents for the University of Hawaii. As a former Regent, I fully understand what is expected and can sincerely recommend Carl for this position. As you know, Carl was also a former member of the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents.

I have known Carl for over 15 years and have had the privilege of working with him on several projects as well as spending time with him and his wife Christine. We've traveled abroad together and meet often when my wife Susan and I are in Kona; so we know them both very well.

As a business leader, Carl is highly respected for his business acumen and judgment. His advice is sought after by some of Hawaii's most prominent companies within diverse industries. I continue to be impressed by Carl's keen business savvy, political insight, and extraordinary commitment to community giving. His professional experience, affiliations and community leadership are too numerous to mention here. I am sure you were impressed by his curriculum vitae as I was.

Carl's outstanding leadership is evident. He is a successful businessman; a respected corporate strategist; a devoted and generous humanitarian and, a very good friend. I wholeheartedly recommend Carl A. Carlson, Jr. as a member of the Board of Regents for the University of Hawaii and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Bert A. Kobayashi
Chairman & CEO
Kobayashi Development Group LLC



April 8, 2008

Chair Senator Norman Sakamoto and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

Re: Nomination of Carl Carlson, Jr. to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents

It is an honor for me to provide this letter supporting Carl Carlson, Jr. to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents. I have known Carl both personally and professionally for over eight years and have had the privilege of working with him on numerous occasions.

Being on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents is a formidable task under the best of circumstances. I feel we are fortunate to have such a capable, dedicated person as Carl willing to serve in this capacity. Carl has the required knowledge, motivation, and business sensitivities required for the position.

He is also involved with numerous professional and non-profit organizations which include Hualalai Investors, LLC, Kohala Preserve Conservation Trust, Kohala Aina Partners, Hu'ehu'e Ventures, LLC, WB Kuki'o, LLP, State of Hawaii Board of Agriculture, Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference, the Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Kuki'o Community Fund, and the University of Hawaii Na Koa Boosters Club.

In both capacities, he exhibited a strong, clear, decisive, and compassionate leadership style. With Carl's background in both business and community service, he will be a great asset to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

Bert "B.J." A. Kobayashi, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer

Hualalai Resort

April 8, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto
15th Senatorial District
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

It is with great pleasure that I am recommending Carl Carlson to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

Carl brings a wealth of knowledge and experience that I am confident he will be an asset to the Board of Regents. I support his nomination wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,



Patrick K. Fitzgerald
Chief Executive Officer

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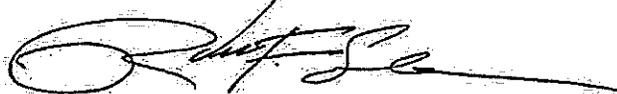
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Mr. Carlson has also shown his willingness to volunteer his time to public service as a former member of the UH Board of Regents and a former Chair of the Hawaii County Ethics Commission.

I believe Mr. Carlson posses the qualities which will allow him to once again fulfill the responsibilities as a member of the UH Board of Regents, and respectfully ask that you support his nomination.

Very truly yours,

MCCORRISTON MILLER MUKAI MacKINNON LLP



Randall F. Sakamoto

April 11, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senator Jill Tokuda, Vice Chair
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Re: Carl Carlson Appointment to the UH Board of Regents

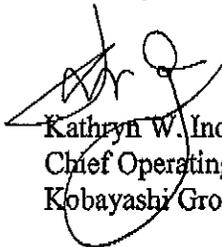
Dear Senators Sakamoto and Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Education:

I have had the honor and privilege of knowing Carl Carlson for over eight years on both a professional and personal level. He has the highest ethical standards and has always imparted the importance of respect for our land, the host culture and Hawaii's people. This has been supremely important as we have been involved in several projects on the Big Island with mainland partners. He often serves as our conscience and moral barometer.

Carl is highly regarded within the community and has held leadership positions in various community organizations. His past service as a Board of Regents member can only help to strengthen the difficult decision-making required as the University of Hawaii struggles to improve its image while grappling with maintenance of its facilities and establishing itself as an educational facility of choice.

For these reasons, I strongly support Carl Carlson's nomination to the University of Hawaii's Board of Regents.

Sincerely,



Kathryn W. Inouye
Chief Operating Officer
Kobayashi Group

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April 10, 2008

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Randall F. Sakamoto

Personal Testimony Presented before the
Senate Committee on Education
April 14, 2008
1:15 p.m.
by
Dr. Andrew G. Hashimoto

GM 608: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARL A. CARLSON JR., for a term to expire 6-30-2011.

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Andrew Hashimoto. I serve as the Dean of UH Mānoa College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) and an ex-officio member of the Board of Agriculture. I am pleased to provide this personal testimony on GM 608. This testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawai'i or CTAHR.

I strongly support the confirmation of Carl Carlson to the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

I work with Carl on the Board of Agriculture and know him to be hardworking, thoughtful, and fair. He brings to the BOR diverse expertise, including past service as a UH regent, decades in the cattle industry, valuable knowledge of land-use and planning issues, and leadership in community, business, and environmental organizations. As a resident of the Big Island, he is familiar with issues that are important to Hawai'i County and will represent that island well. Carl's experience and dedication will benefit the BOR, and I urge his confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

testimony

From: Frank Brandt [fbrandt@pbrhawaii.com]

Sent: Friday, April 11, 2008 3:42 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Senate Education Committee, April 14, 2008 at 1:15 pm RE: Carl Carlson, UH Board of Regents

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chairman and
Members of the Senate Education Committee

Dear Chairman and Members,

Please accept this statement of support for the appointment of Mr. Carl Carlson to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents representing West Hawaii.

I have known and worked with Carl Carlson for almost 30 years since he was manager of Huehue Ranch, through his term as trustee of Parker Ranch and on up to today. His background as a community leader on Hawaii and statewide in addition to his continued personal commitment to the University of Hawaii from his earlier term as a regent to today provides the understanding and perspective needed to address the issues facing the university today. He understands the needs of higher education and the role that the university plays in West Hawaii, Hilo and statewide so he's well informed with the processes that are underway. Carl is well liked and knows how to work with both the public and private sectors of the state. He will be a welcome addition to the University Board of Regents.

I request that you favorably support this appointment and thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Frank Brandt, FASLA
Chairman

testimony

From: Tom Witten [twitten@pbrhawaii.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2008 1:00 PM

To: testimony

Subject: Senate Education Committee, April 14, 2008 at 1:15 pm RE: Carl Carlson, UH Board of Regents

Senator Sakamoto, Chair, and Members
Senate Education Committee

Dear Chairman and Members,

Please support the nomination of Carl Carlson to the UH Board of Regents representing West Hawaii.

I have known and worked closely with Carl Carlson for over 25 years in West Hawaii and he is an excellent selection to serve on the UH Board of Regents. He understands the needs of West Hawaii and has the diverse experience, knowledge and skills to make a significant contribution to improving and expanding higher education opportunities in Hawaii. Throughout his career on the Big Island, he has continually served the community interests in his business endeavors and always seeks ways to improve his community and our State directly or indirectly.

Although I am unable to personally present this testimony at your hearing on April 14, I wanted to encourage your Committee to support the nomination of Carl Carlson.

Mahalo,

Thomas S. Witten, ASLA
President

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April 7, 2008

Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
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Dear Senator Sakamoto and Senate Members:

**Re: Consideration and Confirmation of Carl A. Carlson to
the University of Hawaii Board of Regents**

Thank you for the opportunity to express my view on the above-referenced applicant. I support Governor Lingle's nomination of Carl A. Carlson, to the University of Hawaii Board of Regents.

I have known Mr. Carlson since the early 1990s when I first moved to the big island. At the time, he was General Manager of Huehue Ranch and I was the Deputy Chief Engineer for the County of Hawaii. He was working on the entitlements of Huehue's lands in the vicinity of Makalei Golf Course, as well as the makai lands at Kukio. Mr. Carlson was also working to provide subdivided lots for the long term ranch employees, as a token of the firm's appreciation for their many years of service.

In 1995, I was hired by Mr. Carlson and assisted him in land development at Parker Ranch. I worked under his guidance and tutelage till I left the firm in 2002. He was a great mentor and guided me, as we worked to improve the asset value of the Trust's lands. Carl has the unique mix of over 25 years of experience in the livestock industry, as well as his recent endeavors in land

development at both Kukio Resort and Kohala Aina Partners. He will be a great asset to the Board of Regents, as he has much experience in the field of business and will be able to provide excellent counsel, as the University faces the many challenges in the future.

Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Riley W. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Riley W. Smith, P.E.

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April 11, 2008

Honorable Norman Sakamoto, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT: Notice of Hearing - Governor's Message Number 608
Monday, April 14, 2008, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 225, Hawai'i State Capitol
Testimony in Support of the Nomination of CARL A.
CARLSON JR. To the Board of Regents of the University of
Hawai'i

Honorable Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Senate Committee on
Education,

I am taking this opportunity to ask for your committee's favorable
consideration and confirmation of Carl A. Carlson Jr. to the Board of
Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

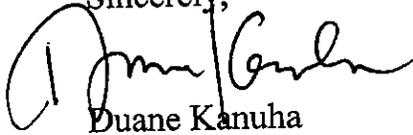
I have known Carl for more than 30 years, and have always found him to be
a person of the highest integrity and character. He has served with
distinction on numerous private and public boards and commissions
throughout the years that I have known him and his commitment to continue
in community and public service through this prestigious appointment is
typical of this man.

He will bring a wealth of knowledge, experience, and collaborative effort to
this very important Board, and I will be in attendance at this hearing in the

event that you or any members of your committee desire to have me testify in person on his behalf.

As a graduate of the University of Hawai'i system (University of Hawai'i at Hilo, 1975), I know the University can be in no better hands than to have my friend, Carl Carlson, as a member of the University of Hawai'i Board of Regents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Duane Kanuha". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Duane Kanuha